

# **Population Characteristics for City of Wilmington, NC**

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This information pamphlet is a brief listing of frequently requested demographic data.

The following websites offer additional demographic data:

U.S. Census Bureau - <http://www.census.gov/>

North Carolina State Demographics , Office of State Budget and Management - <http://demog.state.nc.us/>

The Employment Security Commission of NC - <http://www.ncesc.com/>

Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce - <http://www.wilmingtonchamber.org/>

Wilmington Industrial Development, Inc. - <http://www.wilmingtonindustry.com/>

Wilmington Downtown Inc. - <http://www.wilmingtondowntown.com/index.html>

## **Population**

Area	1990	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
Wilmington	55,030	90,330	94,531	99,781	104,870	110,220
New Hanover County	120,284	160,307	176,575	194,392	211,625	230,386
North Carolina	6,632,448	8,049,313	8,709,947	9,441,440	10,180,990	10,978,470

From North Carolina State Demographics - Office of State Budget and Management

## **Population Growth**

Area	1990-2000	2000-2005
Wilmington	62.7%*	4.7%
New Hanover	33.9%	9.7%
Brunswick	44.9%	16.4%
Columbus	10.4%	1.2%
Pender	43.1%	11.5%

From the U.S. Census Bureau and North Carolina State Demographics - Office of State Budget and Management.

\*Note: annexations between 1999 and 2000 added approximately 26,000 people.

## **Age Structure**

Wilmington	1990 Census (Percent of Population)	2000 Census (Percent of Population)
Age		
Under 9 years	12.3	10.6
10-19	14.4	12.5
20-29	18.6	20.1
30-39	15.1	14.2
40-49	11.0	12.5
50-59	7.9	10.8
60-69	9.9	7.7
70-79	7.4	6.8
80+	3.4	4.8

From the U.S. Census Bureau

## Race

Wilmington	1990 Census	2000 Census *
White	64.9%	73.9%
Black	33.9%	22.4%
Other (American Indian, Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, and Asian)	1.2%	3.7%
Total	100.0%	100.0%
Hispanic origin	0.9%	2.4%

From the U.S. Census Bureau. \* Includes Annexation 1998 area which was predominately white.

## Gender

Wilmington	1990 Census	2000 Census
Male	45.3%	49.1%
Female	54.7%	50.9%

From the U.S. Census Bureau

## Education Level

General Educational Attainment	
Wilmington Population 25 years and over	Percent
Less than 9th grade	4.9%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	12.0%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	23.1%
Some college, no degree	21.8%
Associate degree	7.0%
Bachelor's degree	22.5%
Graduate or professional degree	8.5%

From the U.S. Census Bureau (2000)

Higher Education Attainment				
Wilmington Population 25 years and over	Wilmington	New Hanover County	North Carolina	United States
Percent high school graduate <i>or higher</i>	83%	86%	78%	80%
Percent bachelor's degree <i>or higher</i>	31%	31%	23%	24%

From the U.S. Census Bureau (2000)

## Median Income (dollars)

Area	1989 Census	2000 Census
Wilmington	27,202	41,891
New Hanover County	33,649	50,861
North Carolina	31,548	46,335
United States	35,225	50,046

From the U.S. Census Bureau

## Per Capita Income (dollars)

Area	1989 Census	2000 Census
Wilmington	12,077	21,503
New Hanover County	13,863	23,123
North Carolina	12,885	20,307
United States	14,420	21,587

From the U.S. Census Bureau

## Housing Tenure and Vacancy (units)

Wilmington	1990 Census	Percent	2000 Census	Percent
Total	26,469	100%	38,678	100%
Occupied	23,557	89.0%	34,359	88.8%
Owner Occupied	11,099	47.1%	16,702	48.6%
Renter Occupied	12,458	52.9%	17,657	51.4%
Vacancy rate	2,912	11.0%	4,319	11.2%

From the U.S. Census Bureau

## Household Size (persons)

Area	1990 Census	2000 Census	2010 Census
Wilmington	2.26	2.10	1.94
New Hanover County	2.43	2.29	2.15
North Carolina	2.54	2.49	2.44
United States	2.63	2.59	2.55

From the U.S. Census Bureau